

State Water Resources Control Board

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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION; UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SYSTEMS
LOCATED AT ROAD MAINTENANCE DIVISION #557, MD-5, 38126 NORTH
SIERRA HIGHWAY, PALMDALE**

Dear Mr. Tijerina:

As part of an initiative by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to ensure compliance at government-owned and/or operated underground storage tank (UST) facilities in California, the State Water Board staff inspected the USTs at your facility on April 12, 2016, pursuant to authority under Health and Safety Code (H&SC), chapter 6.7, section 25289.

The State Water Board has identified the following violations pursuant to H&SC, chapter 6.7, and title 23, California Code of Regulations (CCR), chapter 16:

No.	Violation	Tank	Start Date	Stop Date	Regulation
1	Failure to Maintain Operating Permit – A current Permit to Operate was not available at time of inspection.	All	April 12, 2016	Ongoing	H&SC 25284(a)
2	Failure to Maintain Tank Information – Piping material for Tank 3 is not listed.	T-3	April 12, 2016	Ongoing	23 CCR 2711(a)
3	Failure to Monitor Product Piping – The sensors in both fill sumps were unable to detect a leak at the earliest opportunity because the sensors were not in the vertical position. The sensors in both piping sumps were unable to monitor all areas of the sump because they have raised collars inside preventing continuous monitoring.	T-1, T-2	April 12, 2016	Ongoing	23 CCR 2630(d)

No.	Violation	Tank	Start Date	Stop Date	Regulation
4	Failure to Maintain Overfill Prevention – These tanks do not have fill tube shut-off valves and the automatic tank gauges (ATG) did not have a current monitoring certification tag.	T-4, T-5 and T-6	April 12, 2016	Ongoing	H&SC 25291(c); 23 CCR 2635(b)(2)
5	Failure to Maintain Spill Containment Requirements – Spill containment devices for Tanks 1 and 3 failed the monitoring certification on January 29, 2015, and have not been repaired. The spill containment device for Tank 3 had sludge inside of it; this prevents its ability to hold five gallons.	T-1, T-3	January 29, 2015	Ongoing	23 CCR 2635(b)(1)
6	Failure to Monitor Product Piping – The sensor in the piping sump was unable to detect a leak at the earliest opportunity because the sump had approximately ten inches of water inside of it and the monitoring panel was in alarm. The January 29, 2015 monitoring certification indicated that water intrusion has been a problem in the past. Corrective action should be taken to prevent water intrusion.	T-3	April 12, 2016	Ongoing	23 CCR 2630(d)
7	Failure to Perform DO Inspections – The hydraulic oil and motor oil 5-30 tanks have been omitted from all twelve months of designated operator monthly visual inspection records.	T-4, T-6	May 31, 2015	Ongoing	23 CCR 2715(c)
8	Failure to Maintain Monitoring or Testing Records On-Site – Records for secondary containment testing conducted on November 17, 2013, were not available for T-3, T-4, T-5, and T-6.	T-3, T-4, T-5 and T-6	November 17, 2013	Ongoing	H&SC 25293; 23 CCR 2712(b)
9	Failure to Maintain Secondary Containment – The secondary containment testing conducted on November 17, 2013, reported failures to diesel supply lines 1 and 2, unleaded piping sump, and UDC #7-8. These failures have not been repaired or retested.	T-1 and T-2	November 17, 2013	Ongoing	H&SC 25291(a)(2)

You are directed to correct the ongoing violations and submit compliance documentation to the State Water Board and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter. Have your Designated Operator make specific notations in the next monthly designated operator report indicating the ongoing violations have been corrected. The monthly designated operator report and any associated photos must be submitted as proof of compliance.

Please send all compliance documentation to the following:

State Water Board

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Pursuant to Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7, section 25299, the owner and operator of the tank(s) are liable for a penalty of \$500 to \$5,000 per tank, per day of violation. These penalties will continue to accrue until the violations have been corrected.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 341-5551, or by email at amantha.henkel@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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